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37, GOLDTHORN CRESCENT,  
WOLVERHAMPTON,

June 9th, 1939.

To the SEISDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure of presenting my Thirty-ninth Annual Report, viz., for 1938.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

H. R. Spackman, L.R.C.P., F.R.I.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

C. L. Spackman, D.P.H.,  
Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

E. Mantell, Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute,  
Sanitary Inspector.

Two Nurses and a Caretaker at the Bratch Isolation Hospitals for Scarlet Fever and Smallpox.

There are satisfactory arrangements for removing infectious cases to the Bratch Hospital and Ambulances are provided by the Borough of Wolverhampton, Brierley Hill, Stourbridge and from Hayley Green Isolation Hospital for the removal of all classes of cases to their respective districts.

The Clinics are run by the County Council.

#### HEALTH SERVICES.

You have a hospital to accommodate 18 patients and one for four cases of Smallpox.

For Diphtheria arrangements are made for treatment at the Borough Hospital, Wolverhampton, at the Stourbridge and Halesowen Isolation Hospital and the Brierley Hill Isolation Hospital.



All medical practitioners are asked to keep anti-diphtheria serum in stock and to use it without waiting for the corroboration of their diagnosis by bacteriology.

The District Nursing is affiliated with the County Nursing Association. The number of midwives is about 22.

The Bacteriological work is carried out at the County Laboratory.

### POPULATION.

This is estimated by the Registrar General, at Midsummer, 1938, to be 16,770, as against 16,160 in 1937. This gain of 610 must be far short of the gain by the end of the year.

During the year 484 new houses against 304 in 1937, were erected, and 70 completed by the Council. Building estates are still being developed, especially in Codsall, Penn and Kinver.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year was 5,567.

### RATEABLE VALUE.

This was £92,970, an increase of £5,802.

The acreage of the district is 41,990.

The District, mainly agricultural has one Ironworks, one Enamel Works, a large Aircraft Factory, one Cement Pipe Works and many large Sand and Gravel Mines.

### BIRTHS.

The number was 279. Males 140. Females 139, an increase of three over last year.

There were 14 illegitimates, seven Male and seven Female.

Still births were 12, seven Male, five Female.

## BIRTH RATE.

This was 16.6 per thousand. The birth rate for England and Wales 15.1.

## DEATHS.

These numbered 194, 99 Males, 95 Females.

Deaths of infants under one year was seven, against 20 last year, a very satisfactory drop.

## DEATH RATE.

This was 11.5 per 1,000. For England and Wales, 11.6.

The rate for infants under one year was 25.1.

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN SEISDON RURAL DISTRICT, 1938.

No.	Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
	All Causes .. .. .	99	95
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers .. .. .	—	—
2	Measles .. .. .	—	—
3	Scarlet Fever .. .. .	—	—
4	Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	1
5	Diphtheria .. .. .	—	—
6	Influenza .. .. .	—	—
7	Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	—	—
8	Cerebro-Spinal Fever .. .. .	—	—
9	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .. .. .	3	1
10	Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	1	1
11	Syphilis .. .. .	—	—
12	General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis .. .. .	—	—
13	Cancer, Malignant Disease .. .. .	12	16
14	Diabetes .. .. .	2	1
15	Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. .. .. .	2	3
16	Heart Disease.. .. .	28	33
17	Aneurysm .. .. .	—	—
18	Other circulatory diseases .. .. .	4	9
19	Bronchitis .. .. .	2	2
20	Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	8	2
21	Other Respiratory Diseases.. .. .	—	1
22	Peptic Ulcer .. .. .	2	1
23	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years) .. .. .	—	—
24	Appendicitis .. .. .	—	—
25	Cirrhosis of Liver .. .. .	1	—
26	Other diseases of Liver, etc. .. .. .	—	2
27	Other digestive diseases .. .. .	2	2
28	Acute and Chronic Nephritis .. .. .	2	4
29	Puerperal Sepsis .. .. .	—	—
30	Other Puerperal Causes .. .. .	—	—
31	Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, etc. .. .. .	1	2
32	Senility .. .. .	4	3
33	Suicide .. .. .	1	1
34	Other Violence .. .. .	11	6
35	Other defined Diseases .. .. .	11	4
36	Causes ill-defined or unknown .. .. .	2	—



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## SCARLET FEVER.

There were 47 cases, 35 of these were removed to the Bratch Hospital. The rest were satisfactorily isolated.

There were no deaths.

## DIPHTHERIA.

There were 15 cases, nine were removed, from which no further cases occurred.

There were no deaths.

## ENTERIC FEVER.

No cases.

## SMALL POX.

No cases.

## ERYSIPELAS.

Seven cases.

## PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

Four cases, but no deaths.

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

There were three cases.

## DIARRHCEA AND DYSENTERY.

No cases.

## CANCER.

28 deaths. One more than the previous year. 12 Males and 16 Females.

## INFLUENZA.

No cases notified.

## PNEUMONIA.

26 cases, with ten deaths.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 .. ..								
1 .. ..			1					
5 .. ..	1	3	1	1			1	
15 .. ..	1	10		1	1			
25 .. ..							1	
35 .. ..	1			1	2	1		
45 .. ..								
55 .. ..	1		1	1				
65 and upwards								
Totals ..	4	13	3	4	3	1	2	

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	47	35	—
Diphtheria ... ..	15	9	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ... ..	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ... ..	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	4	3	—
Pneumonia ... ..	26	9	10
Other diseases generally notifiable—Erysipelas ... ..	7	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally (specify disease)	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Dysentery ...	—	—	—
	99	56	10

## SEWERAGE.

The Wombourn Sewerage Scheme was practically completed by the end of the year, and has since been brought into use. A section of the Scheme for extending and improving the Kinver Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works was commenced towards the end of the year at Stewponey, and at the close of the year your Council were awaiting the approval and consent of the Ministry of Health to the whole of the Scheme being proceeded with. Also a joint Scheme between your Council and the Tettenhall Urban District Council for dealing with the drainage of the Aldersley area, and improving the Tettenhall Sewerage arrangements, received the Ministry of Health's approval, and the work on this was commenced, and is proceeding.

Sewerage Extensions were also made in Lane Green Road, Bilbrook, and Moat Brook Lane, Codsall.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Water Main Extensions made from Crab Lane to Leaton Cottages, Bobbington, and along the Enville-Bridgnorth Road, at Enville.

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

A considerable number of Main Extensions were carried out in various parishes for supplying new and outlying properties.

## REFUSE REMOVAL.

A new 2-ton Morris Lorry was purchased with a view to improving the carrying out of House Refuse collection, and your Council have now three lorries engaged in this work.

## HOUSING.

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	231
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	594
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	22
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	32
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	89

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	52
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

(a).—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	3
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners ... ..	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
(b).—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	15
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners ... ..	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
(c).—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	13
(d).—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..	—



## 4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:—

(a).—(i) Number of dwellings disclosed by inspection and measurement as overcrowded	60
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ...	62
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ...	391
(b).—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	—
(c).—(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	51
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ..	328
(d).—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... ..	—

## CAMPING GROUNDS.

There were eight camping grounds in use in the district, seven of these were at Kinver, and one at Wombourne.

Three licenses were granted.

Considerable trouble is experienced with Gipsies who camp at Oaken Lane, Codsall. As soon as one lot are cleared off, another lot arrives.

## CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle, exclud- ing Cows	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	—	—	—	—	—
Number inspected ...	—	135	5	313	211
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</b>					
Whole carcasses con- demned ...	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ...	—	3	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	—	2·2	—	1·27	—
<b>Tuberculosis only.</b>					
Whole carcasses con- demned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—

## 1.—INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES.

For purposes of provisions as to health.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
<b>Factories with mechanical power...</b>	4	—	—
<b>Factories without mechanical power</b>	6	—	—
† <b>Other Premises</b> under the Act (in- cluding works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises).	27	—	—
† Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories. <b>Total ...</b>	37	—	—

## 2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	6	6		
Overcrowding (S.2) ...				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—				
Insufficient ...	1	1		
Unsuitable or defective ...				
Not separate for sexes ...				
Other offences ...				
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937).				
Total ...	7	7		

For Cowkeeping, Dairy Men, Slaughter Houses, Carcases Inspected and Condemned, see attached report of Sanitary Inspector.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. SPACKMAN, M.O.H., F.R.I.P.H.

## SEISDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

### REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR, for the year 1938.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the following summary of the Sanitary work and various matters dealt with in my department, during the year ending the 31st of December, 1938, being my Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

#### VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Housing and miscellaneous inspections ...	...	...	627
Inspections re Infectious Diseases ...	...	...	56
Visits to Slaughter-houses ...	...	...	124
„ „ Cowsheds and Dairies ...	...	...	107
„ „ Petrol Stores ...	...	...	53
„ re Shops Acts ...	...	...	28
„ to Factories and Workshops ...	...	...	37
„ „ Camping Grounds and Gipsy Encampments ...			50
	Total ...		1,082
Number of Nuisances, Contravention of Acts, etc., reported upon ...	...	...	136
Number of Notices served—Informal ...	...	90	
	Statutory ...	40	
		—	130
Letters, Circulars, Orders, etc., sent out ...	...	...	396

## HOUSING ACT, 1936.

During the year Demolition Orders were made with respect to nine houses as follows:—

Three houses at Newgate, Pattingham.

Three houses in High Street, Pattingham.

One house in Rudge Lane, Pattingham.

Two houses in Spring Hill Lower Penn.

The following houses were demolished:—

Four houses in Mill Lane, Kinver.

Two houses in The Acre, Kinver.

One house in High Street, Kinver.

One wooden bungalow at Prestwood, Kinver.

Two houses in Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne.

Seven houses in Mill Lane, Wombourne.

One house in Common Road, Wombourne.

## MEAT INSPECTION.

There were eight slaughter-houses in use during the year. 124 visits were made to these, and 664 animals or carcasses, viz., 135 oxen, five calves, 313 sheep and 211 pigs were inspected.

The following were condemned as being unfit:—

One whole sheep, three sheep's livers, two ox livers and one ox lungs.

With these exceptions all the meat was of first rate quality. Our butchers buy only young cattle.



All the slaughter-houses were periodically limewashed and kept in clean condition.

### MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

During the year six persons were registered to sell milk and there were 128 persons on the register at the end of the year.

At Whittington House Farm, Kinver, the floors were cemented, wider channels provided and a new dairy was erected.

At Greenhill Farm, Oaken, the drains were connected to the sewer, thus removing a long standing nuisance.

At Smallbrook Farm, Wombourne, an old cowshed was converted into a modern cowshed.

107 inspections were made to cowkeepers and dairy-men, and eight cowsheds were limewashed after notice.

### THE PETROLEUM ACTS.

40 licenses were granted during the year, to keep Petrol or Carbide of Calcium. All the licensed premises were inspected from time to time.

## SUMMARY OF WORK DONE.

Houses disinfected after infectious diseases	...	...	10
Schools disinfected after infectious diseases	...	...	1
Houses demolished	...	...	18
Houses generally repaired	...	...	21
Houses recoloured or repaired	...	...	10
Houses supplied with tap water	...	...	7
Houses provided with new drainage	...	...	7
Drains opened or repaired	...	...	14
Additional W.C.'s. provided	...	...	1
Spoutings fixed or repaired	...	...	5
Ashbins provided	...	...	12
Accummulations removed	...	...	5
Dumbwells emptied	...	...	15
Privies converted to W.C.'s.	...	...	6
Privies provided to factories	...	...	2
Slaughter-houses limewashed	...	...	8
Contraventions of the Milk and Dairies Orders remedied			18
Workshops limewashed	...	...	6
Gipsy caravans removed	...	...	23
Various nuisances dealt with	...	...	7
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Yours obediently,

ERNEST MANTELL,

Cert. Royal San. Inst.,

Sanitary Inspector.









